



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

*"Parks Make Life Better!"*

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

30 May 5, 2015

*Patrick Ozawa*  
PATRICK OZAWA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ACCEPT DONATION FROM THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE WHITTIER  
NARROWS NATURE CENTER  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will accept a donation from the California Community Foundation for the Whittier Narrows Nature Center.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the proposed actions not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, because the actions do not meet the definition of a project and for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the Project.
2. Accept a one-time donation of \$10,125 from the California Community Foundation to be used for facility improvements and programs at the Whittier Narrows Nature Center.
3. Instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send a letter of appreciation to the California Community Foundation for its generous donation.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions would allow for facility improvements at park and nature center buildings at the Whittier Narrows Nature Center. In addition, this donation would provide enhanced programs to school children and allow the purchase of specific plants to attract birds to the nature center.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed recommendations support the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Service Delivery (Goal 3) by improving facilities and programs that will enhance recreational opportunities for County residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Acceptance of this one-time donation does not require matching funds from the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) and does not commit the County to provide ongoing services. The Department's Budget includes sufficient appropriation to implement the recommended facility improvements, programs and purchases of supplies.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Government Code Section 25355 permits the County to accept donations or other gifts for a specific County purpose. Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of \$10,000 with Board approval.

The California Community Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This generous donation from the California Community Foundation would enable the Department to provide enhanced facilities and programs at the Whittier Narrows Nature Center.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please forward one adopted copy each of this action to the Chief Executive Office and the Department of Parks and Recreation. Instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send a letter of appreciation to the California Community Foundation for its generous donation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Interim Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors